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CAN YOU GUESS WHAT MAKES GIDEON THE MOST POWERFUL FOE OF ALL?

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"A HOUSE DIVIDED!"
INTRODUCING: THE FASCINATING VILLAINY OF: MR. GIDEON!
HOW CAN THE F.F. WIN THEIR MOST DIFFICULT BATTLE?? A BATTLE AMONG THEMSELVES!
AS OUR STRANGE SAGA BEGINS, A MYSTERIOUS PACKAGE IS DELIVERED TO F.F. HEADQUARTERS, ADDRESSED TO THE EVER-LOVIN' THING...
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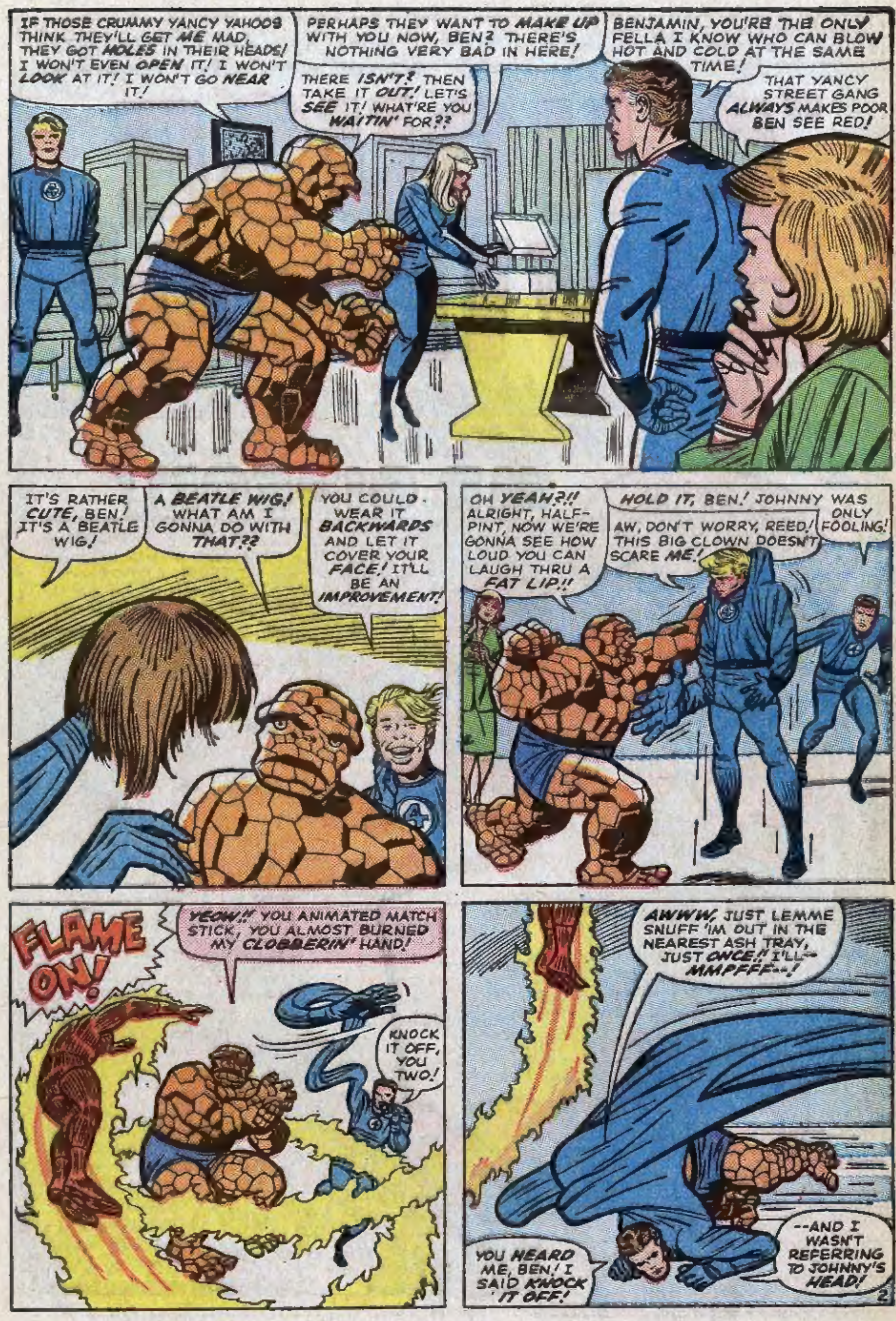
DELICIOUSLY DRAWN by JACK KIRBY
IMPECCABLY INKED by CHIC STONE
LAVISHLY LETTERED by ARTIE SIMEK
DEAR THING; HERE'S A PERFECT GIFT FOR A MAN WHO HAS NOTHING! LOVE AND HISSES! THE YANCY STREET GANG!
AND NOW, HANG ONTO YOUR HAT, 'CAUSE HERE WE GO...


IF THOSE CRUMMY YANCY YAHOOS THINK THEY'LL GET ME MAD, THEY GOT HOLES IN THEIR HEADS! I WON'T EVEN OPEN IT! I WON'T LOOK AT IT! I WON'T GO NEAR IT!
PERHAPS THEY WANT TO MAKE UP WITH YOU NOW, BEN? THERE'S NOTHING VERY BAD IN HERE!
THERE ISN'T? THEN TAKE IT OUT! LET'S SEE IT! WHAT'RE YOU WAITIN' FOR??
BENJAMIN, YOU'RE THE ONLY FELLA I KNOW WHO CAN BLOW HOT AND COLD AT THE SAME TIME!
THAT YANCY STREET GANG ALWAYS MAKES POOR BEN SEE RED!
IT'S RATHER CUTE, BEN! IT'S A BEATLE WIG!
A BEATLE WIG! WHAT AM I GONNA DO WITH THAT??
YOU COULD WEAR IT BACKWARDS AND LET IT COVER YOUR FACE! IT'LL BE AN IMPROVEMENT!
OH YEAH?!! ALRIGHT, HALF-PINT, NOW WE'RE GONNA SEE HOW LOUD YOU CAN LAUGH THRU A FAT LIP!!
HOLD IT, BEN! JOHNNY WAS ONLY FOOLING!
AW, DON'T WORRY, REED! THIS BIG CLOWN DOESN'T SCARE ME!
FLAME ON!
YEOW!! YOU ANIMATED MATCH STICK, YOU ALMOST BURNED MY CLOBBERIN' HAND!
KNOCK IT OFF, YOU TWO!
AWWW, JUST LEMME SNUFF 'IM OUT IN THE NEAREST ASH TRAY, JUST ONCE!! I'LL-- MMPFFF--!
YOU HEARD ME, BEN! I SAID KNOCK IT OFF!
--AND I WASN'T REFERRING TO JOHNNY'S HEAD!
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YOU GUYS CAN QUIT WALTZIN' AROUND NOW! I'M CUTTIN' OUT FOR THE ANTIQUE AUTO SHOW! TELL BEN I DIDN'T MEAN IT WHEN I SAID THAT WIG WOULD BE AN IMPROVEMENT--
--NOTHING COULD IMPROVE THAT PAN!!
LEMME AT 'IM!! LEMME AT 'IM!!!
TAKE OFF, KID! I CAN'T HOLD BEN MUCH LONGER!
THEN, AFTER JOHNNY HAS BLAZED OFF INTO THE DISTANCE...
BENJAMIN J. GRIMM! I THOUGHT YOU AND JOHNNY WERE SUPPOSED TO BE PALS!
WE ARE--WE ARE! I WOULDN'T LET ANYONE ELSE TRY TO KNOCK HIS FOOL BLOCK OFF, WOULD I?
WE UNDERSTAND YOUR HORSEPLAY, BEN--BUT I THINK YOU HAD ALICIA WORRIED FOR A MINUTE!
IT'S ALRIGHT, REED! I THINK I'M BEGINNING TO GET USED TO BEN'S TEMPER TANTRUMS NOW!
GOOD! I WISH I COULD SAY THAT!
WHAT TEMPER TANTRUMS ?? I'M THE SWEETEST, MOST LOVABLE GUY ON THE TEAM--
--AND I'LL PULVERIZE ANY MEAT-HEAD WHO SAYS I AIN'T!!
BUT THEN, AFTER REED AND SUE HAVE LEFT...
I GUESS I SHOULDN'T HAVE BLOWN MY STACK, BABY, BUT WHENEVER I THINK OF THOSE YANCY CRUMB-BUMS I SEE RED!
IMAGINE THOSE CREEPS SENDIN' ME A BEATLE WIG!!!
WHY DON'T YOU JUST THROW IT AWAY, BEN?
ARE YOU KIDDIN'?? I ALWAYS WANTED TO TRY ONE!
WISH YOU COULD SEE ME, BABY! I'M A LIVIN' DOLL!!
BUT, PERHAPS THERE WOULD BE LESS FRIVOLITY AT F.F. HEADQUARTERS IF OUR FABULOUS FOURSOME KNEW WHAT WAS ABOUT TO TRANSPIRE IN THE OFFICE OF THE WORLD'S RICHEST MAN, IN DOWNTOWN WALL STREET...
CANCEL ALL MY APPOINTMENTS! SEND FOR MY TOP ADVISERS!
IMMEDIATELY, MR. GIDEON!
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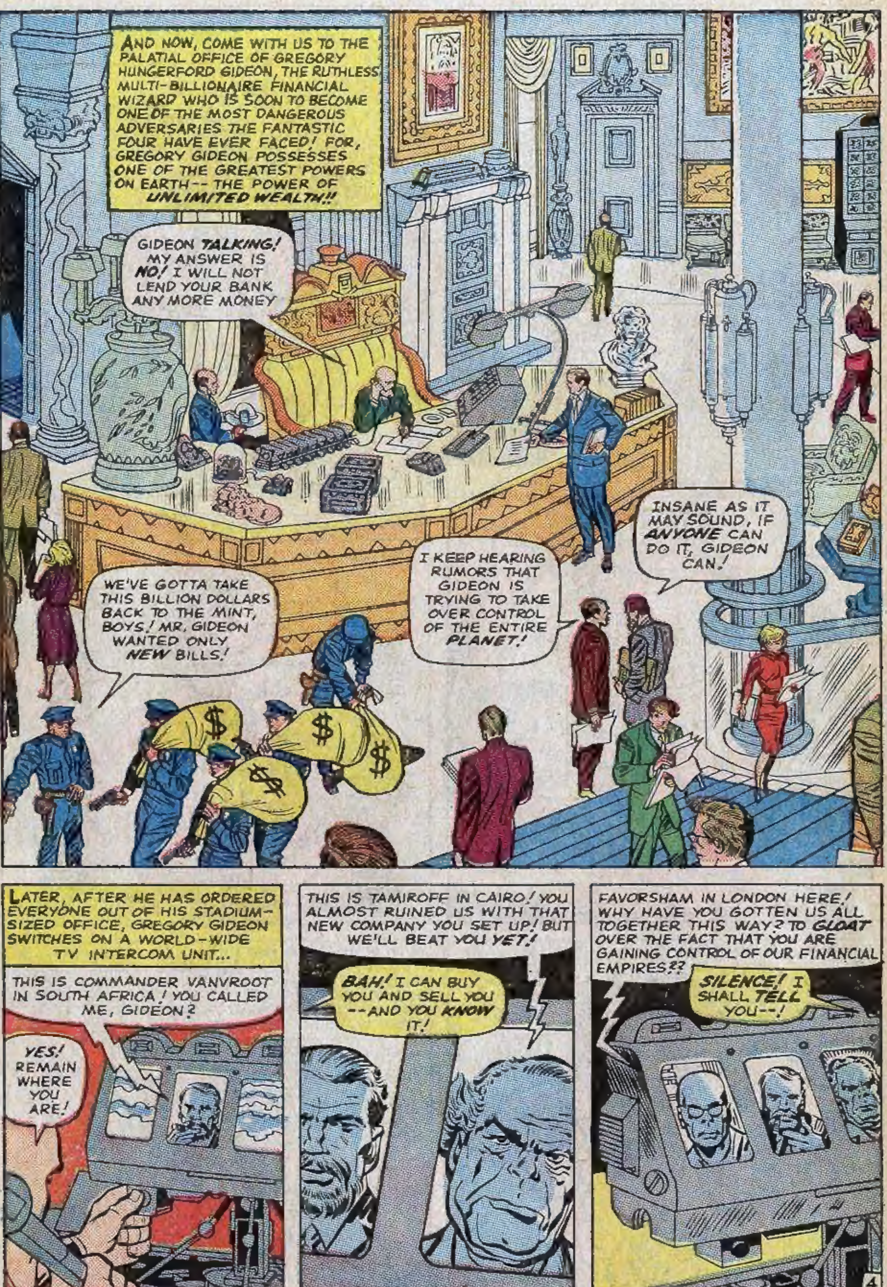

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YOU SOUND LIKE A MADMAN, GIDEON!
CALL ME WHAT YOU WILL--I HAVE A CHALLENGE FOR YOU! SET ME A TASK-- ANY TASK WHICH YOU CONSIDER IMPOS-SIBLE! IF I ACCOMPLISH IT IN ONE WEEK, YOU SELL OUT TO ME NOW! IF I FAIL, I'LL GIVE UP MY PLAN FOR WORLD DOMINATION!
AGREED, GIDEON! AT LAST YOU'VE BITTEN OFF MORE THAN YOU CAN CHEW! YOUR TASK SHALL BE--
--THE MOST IMPOSSIBLE ONE OF ALL TIME! YOU ARE TO DEFEAT THE FANTASTIC FOUR-- YOU HAVE ONE WEEK!
THEN I'LL START IMMEDI-ATELY! THIS IS WHAT I LIKE--A FIGHT! I'VE NEVER LOST YET! WITH MY WEALTH, I CAN DO ANYTHING!
SEND IN MY TOP PLANNING BOARD-- AT ONCE!
THE NEXT MORNING, MINUTES AFTER ARISING, REED RICHARDS HEARS--
WHAT'S THAT RACKET DOWNSTAIRS? IT SOUNDS LIKE SOME-ONE IS DISMANTLING OUR EQUIPMENT!
WHAM
BAM BAM
RUSHING TO THE FLOOR, REED IS ASTONISHED TO SEE...
WORKMEN--TAKING THE FANTASTI-CAR-- AND OUR MISSILE!
STOP! HOLD IT! WHAT'S GOING ON?
EASY WITH THAT CRANE, BOYS! OKAY-- LOWER AWAY!
SORRY, MR. RICHARDS --WE HAVE OUR ORDERS! BETTER STAY BACK!
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WAIT! THAT'S OUR POGO PLANE! COME BACK WITH IT!!
I'M TOO LATE! I'VE GOT TO SEE WHO'S RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS!
WHO'S IN CHARGE HERE? WHO AUTHORIZED ALL THIS?? YOU'D BETTER HAVE A MIGHTY GOOD EXPLANATION FOR ME!!
NOW, NOW, MISTER RICHARDS! IT'S ALL PERFECTLY LEGAL! MISTER BEN GRIMM ORDERED US TO TAKE HIS SHARE OF YOUR EQUIPMENT!
YOU MUST BE MAD! BEN WOULD NEVER-- WAIT! WHAT'S THIS??
RECOGNIZE THE SIGNATURE, RICHARDS?
IT IS BEN'S! BUT WHY? WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO HIM?? HE CAN'T DO THIS!!
THOSE SHIPS BELONG TO ALL OF US! TO THE TEAM! HE'S GOT NO RIGHT! WHERE IS HE??
RIGHT HERE, YOU DOUBLE-DEALIN' PHONY!!
EASY, GRIMM! IF HE'S WHO YOU SAY HE IS, HE'LL BE PLENTY DANGEROUS!
NUTS! HE DON'T SCARE ME! THIS WON'T BE THE FIRST TIME I TACKLED A SKRULL!*
A SKRULL ??!
*SEE F.F.#2,#18,# & 32--STAN.
DON'T TRY TO ACT INNOCENT WITH ME, WISE GUY! THE JIG'S UP, SO JUST TELL ME WHAT YOU DID WITH THE REAL REED RICHARDS BEFORE I TURN YA INTO A DEHYDRATED GLOB OF SILLY PUTTY!
THE COPS TOLD ME HOW THEY FOUND YOUR SPACE SHIP LAST NIGHT, WITH THE HIDDEN INSTRUCTIONS ABOUT IMPERSONATIN' MY RUBBER-BONED BUDDY!
BEN, HOLD IT! I'M THE REAL MISTER FANTASTIC!
SURE, SURE! AND I'M THOR WITHOUT MY GOLDEN CURLS!
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HOLD HIM, MEN! DON'T LET HIM BREAK AWAY!
SEND FOR REIN-FORCEMENTS, JOE! IT'S LIKE TRYING TO HOLD BACK A HURRICANE!
I'LL KEEP 'IM BUSY WHILE YOU FINGERPRINT HIM! BUT STEP ON IT, YOU GUYS!
NO, BEN! FINGERPRINTS WON'T PROVE ANY-THING--!!
THEY JUST MIGHT! WE STILL HAVE THE PRINTS OF THE SKRULL WHO IMPERSONATED YOU, MONTHS AGO!
IF YOUR FINGER-PRINTS NOW MATCH HIS--!
THEY'RE IDENTICAL!!
THAT CLINCHES IT!! THE THING WAS RIGHT! WE'RE HOLDIN' A REAL SKRULL!
YOU HEARD 'IM! NOW WHERE'S REED RICHARDS?? TALK, YOU CREEP!
USE YOUR HEAD, BEN! OF COURSE MY PRINTS MATCH THE SKRULL'S! WHEN THEY IMPERSONATE SOMEONE, THEY DO IT COMPLETELY--EVEN TO THE HEARTBEAT! THAT DOESN'T PROVE ANYTHING!
SHADDUP! YOU AIN'T TALKIN' YOUR WAY OUTTA THIS!
THEN, REALIZING THAT HE IS A VICTIM OF ONE OF THE MOST INGENIOUSLY DIABOLICAL FRAME-UPS OF ALL TIME THE FABULOUS MR. FANTASTIC UTILIZES THE FULL POWER OF HIS PLIABLE BODY AS NEVER BEFORE, FREEING HIMSELF WITH ONE SUDDEN, IRRESISTIBLE SNAP!!
YEOWWP!
CAN'T HOLD ON!! HE MOVES TOO FAST!
WATCH IT, CHARLIE!
WHERE'D HE GO?
I'VE GOT TO GET AWAY-- LEARN WHAT'S BEHIND ALL THIS!
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BUT, AT THAT VERY MOMENT, WHEN SUE STORM REACHES HER SUBURBAN HOME...
GOOD HEAVENS!! WHAT COULD HAVE HAPPENED HERE??
JOHNNY! WHERE ARE YOU?? ARE YOU ALRIGHT??
THERE'S A NOTE-- SCRIBBLED CRUDELY ON THE WALL! OH NO! IT CAN'T BE!!
HE WAS CAPTURED BY DOCTOR DOOM! AND-- HE TRIED TO WARN ME-- SOMETHING ABOUT A ROBOT!
AM FIGHTING DOCTOR DOOM... CAN'T HOLD OUT ANY LONGER-- BEWARE, SIS-- DOOM'S ROBOT--
HI, SIS! HEY! WHAT'S HAPPENED HERE??
THAT MUST BE DOOM'S ROBOT! HE DOESN'T KNOW I READ THE MESSAGE ON THE WALL!
DON'T COME ANY CLOSER! I WON'T LET YOU LEAVE TILL YOU TELL ME WHERE MY BROTHER IS!!
UH OH! I DON'T LIKE THIS! THE LAST TIME I HEARD SUE TALK THAT WAY, SHE WAS IN THE POWER OF THE PUPPET MASTER! I'D BETTER BE ON GUARD!
FLAME ON!
NOW, YOU JUST STAY THERE UNTIL I-- HEY!!
I DON'T KNOW HOW DR. DOOM COULD GIVE A ROBOT THE POWER OF MY BROTHER-- BUT MY INVISIBLE FORCE FIELD WILL PROTECT ME FROM HIS FLAME!
WOW! I NEVER REALIZED SHE HAD GOTTEN SO GOOD WITH HER INVISIBLE POWER! SHE ACTUALLY FORCED ME RIGHT OUT OF THE HOUSE!
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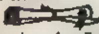

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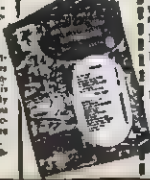

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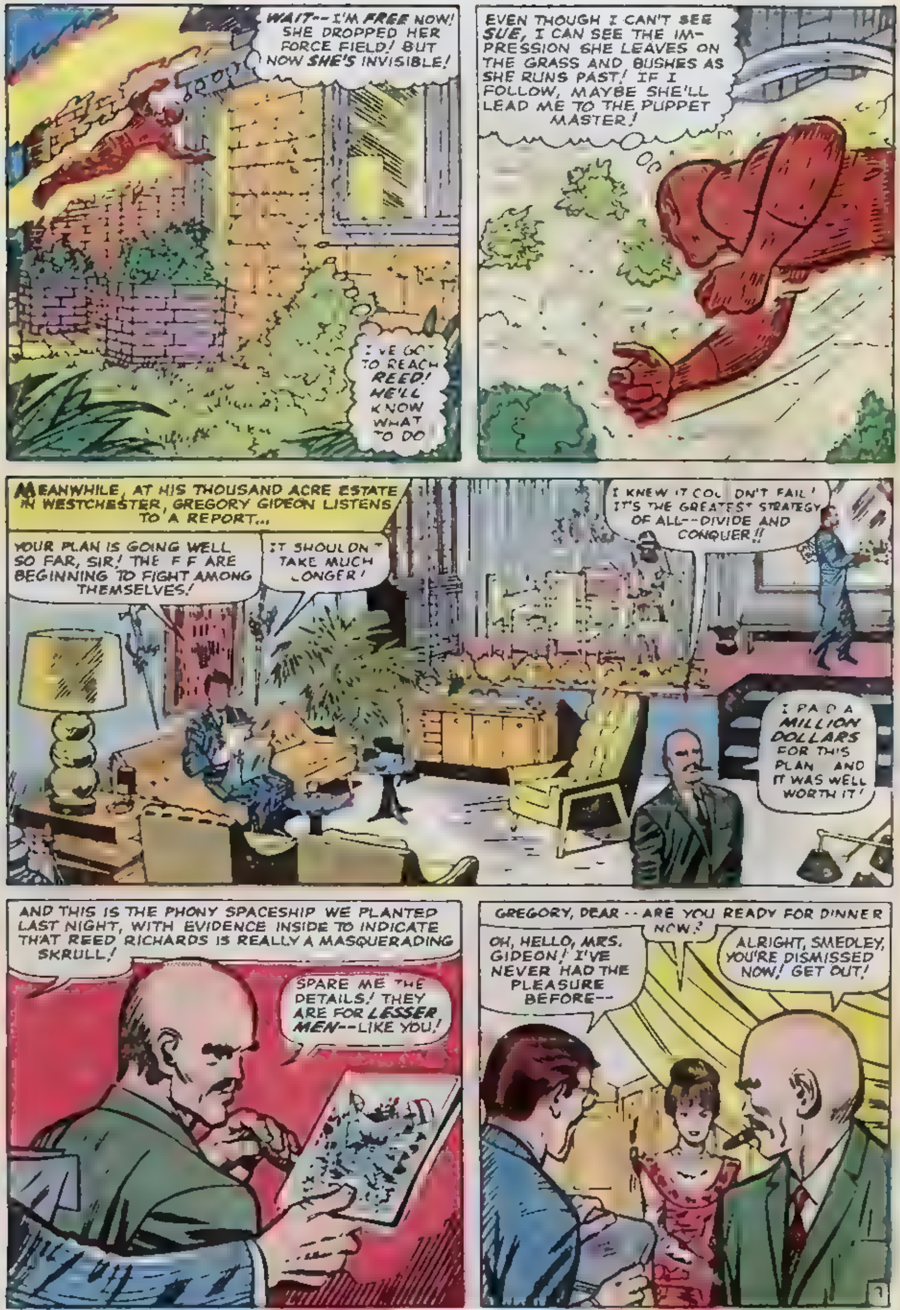
WAIT--I'M FREE NOW! SHE DROPPED HER FORCE FIELD! BUT NOW SHE'S INVISIBLE!
I'VE GOT TO REACH REED! HE'LL KNOW WHAT TO DO
EVEN THOUGH I CAN'T SEE SUE, I CAN SEE THE IMPRESSION SHE LEAVES ON THE GRASS AND BUSHES AS SHE RUNS PAST! IF I FOLLOW, MAYBE SHE'LL LEAD ME TO THE PUPPET MASTER!
MEANWHILE, AT HIS THOUSAND ACRE ESTATE IN WESTCHESTER, GREGORY GIDEON LISTENS TO A REPORT...
YOUR PLAN IS GOING WELL SO FAR, SIR! THE F.F. ARE BEGINNING TO FIGHT AMONG THEMSELVES!
IT SHOULDN'T TAKE MUCH LONGER!
I KNEW IT COULDN'T FAIL! IT'S THE GREATEST STRATEGY OF ALL--DIVIDE AND CONQUER!!
I PAID A MILLION DOLLARS FOR THIS PLAN AND IT WAS WELL WORTH IT!
AND THIS IS THE PHONY SPACESHIP WE PLANTED LAST NIGHT, WITH EVIDENCE INSIDE TO INDICATE THAT REED RICHARDS IS REALLY A MASQUERADING SKRULL!
SPARE ME THE DETAILS! THEY ARE FOR LESSER MEN--LIKE YOU!
GREGORY, DEAR--ARE YOU READY FOR DINNER NOW?
OH, HELLO, MRS. GIDEON! I'VE NEVER HAD THE PLEASURE BEFORE--
ALRIGHT, SMEDLEY, YOU'RE DISMISSED NOW! GET OUT!

HAVEN'T I TOLD YOU NEVER TO INTERRUPT ME WHEN I'M TALKING BUSINESS??! WHEN WILL YOU LEARN TO KNOW YOUR PLACE?!!
I'M SORRY, GIDEON! I DIDN'T THINK! I WAS SO GLAD TO SEE YOU HOME --YOU'RE HOME SO RARELY --AND I GET SO LONELY...
OH, DAD! YOU'RE HOME! YOU'RE HOME!
HELLO, THOMAS! HOW'S MY LITTLE MAN TODAY? WHAT IS THAT YOU'RE HOLDING?
IT'S A MAGAZINE, DAD! I WAS READING IT WHEN I HEARD YOUR CAR ENTER THE DRIVEWAY!
IF ONLY YOU COULD BE HOME MORE OFTEN, DAD--LIKE OTHER FATHERS! SOMETIMES, MOMMY AND I MISS YOU SO MUCH--!
I KNOW, SON, BUT I'M NOT LIKE OTHER MEN! SOME DAY YOU'LL REALIZE THAT-- WHEN I GIVE YOU THIS ENTIRE PLANET FOR A PLAY-THING!
BUT I DON'T WANT ANY OL' PLANET! I JUST WANT YOU!
I'VE GOT TO CHANGE THE SUBJECT!
WHAT MAGAZINE ARE YOU READING, THOMAS?
THE FANTASTIC FOUR! THEY'RE MY FAVORITE HEROES!
BUT NOT FOR LONG, SON, NOT FOR LONG!
BUT, BACK TO THE LEADER OF THE FABULOUS F.F. ONCE MORE...
THIS IS MY ONLY CHANCE TO ESCAPE! I'VE GOT TO BE FREE, SO I CAN GET TO THE BOTTOM OF ALL THIS!
YOU AINT GETTIN' AWAY FROM ME THAT EASY, BUB!
YES I AM, BEN--UNLESS YOU THINK YOU CAN FLY!
BEN! WAIT! DON'T!!
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ALRIGHT, SO I AINT A BLAMED HUMAN PARAKEET-- BUT THERE'S A LITTLE STUNT I BEEN WANTIN' TO TRY--AND THIS IS AS GOOD A TIME AS ANY!
WHEEEE! IT WORKS! I CAN KEEP BREAKIN' MY FALL BY BOUNCIN' FROM WALL TO WALL AS I DROP--BUT I WOULDN'T RECOMMEND IT FOR A STEADY DIET!
HEADS UP, SKRULL!! HERE I COME!
MEANWHILE. .
I WAS AFRAID OF THAT! DR. DOOM'S ROBOT IS STILL SEARCHING FOR ME!
SUE CAN'T HAVE GOTTEN FAR! SHE MUST BE AROUND HERE SOMEWHERE!
I'D BETTER REMAIN INVISIBLE TILL I FIND REED!
I'LL GET OUT HERE, DRIVER!
OKAY, LADY! I--I-- AI AI AI!!
THEN, REACHING THE BAXTER BUILDING ON FOOT, SUE SEES...
BEN--AND REED--FIGHTING EACH OTHER!! HAS THE WHOLE WORLD GONE MAD??
BOYS--STOP! LISTEN TO ME!! I NEED YOUR HELP! DON'T YOU HEAR ME??
I CAN'T STOP NOW, SUSIE! I SORTA GOT MY HANDS FULL, IF YA KNOW WHAT I MEAN!
SUE! REMAIN INVISIBLE! I SUSPECT THAT WE'RE ALL IN GRAVE DANGER.

BUT, THE STARTLED GIRL GIVES UP THE SHELTER OF HER OWN INVISIBILITY TO PROTECT THE MAN SHE LOVES!*
BEN! PUT THAT DOWN! YOU MUSTN'T INJURE REED--!!
THERE SHE IS!
HEY! WHAT'S STOPPIN' ME FROM FINISHIN' THAT CREEP OFF??!
WHAT'S THE TORCH TRYING TO DO?? SUE--DUCK!! QUICK!
*IN ORDER TO TRANSFER HER INVISIBLE FORCE FIELD ELSEWHERE, SUE HERSELF MUST BECOME VISIBLE-- STAN.
RELAX, REED! I WASN'T GONNA HIT HER! I JUST WANT HER TO STAY PUT LONG ENOUGH TO TELL ME WHY SHE THINKS I'M NOT REALLY THE TORCH!
REED, BE CAREFUL! HE ISN'T THE TORCH! HE'S ONE OF DR. DOOM'S ROBOTS!
WHAT'S HAPPENING TO US?? BEN CALLS ME A SKRULL!! YOU SAY THAT JOHNNY IS REALLY A ROBOT! ARE WE ALL CRACKING UP??
WE'VE GOT TO FIND OUT WHO'S RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL THIS-- AND WHY!!
SO FAR GIDEON'S PLAN IS LETTER-PERFECT! NOW I'LL JUST LAY THIS CONCUSSION GUN HERE WHERE IT WILL BE FOUND...!
OH NO!! REED! BEN JUST TOLD JOHNNY TO ATTACK YOU!
STAY BACK, JOHNNY! DON'T BE A FOOL!!
NO, JOHNNY-- NO!!
GO GET THE CRUMMY SKRULL, KID!
GANGWAY!
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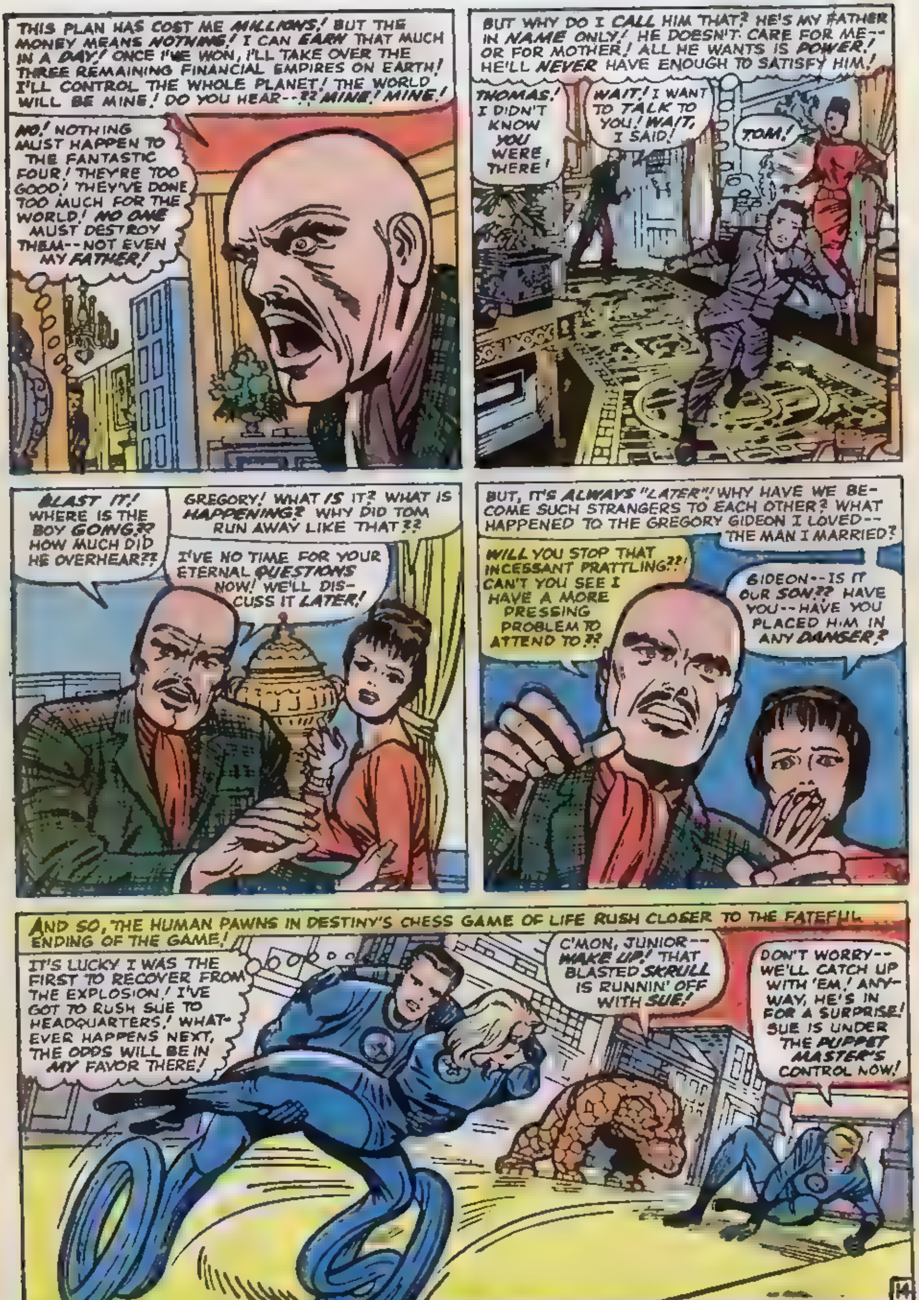
THIS PLAN HAS COST ME MILLIONS! BUT THE MONEY MEANS NOTHING! I CAN EARN THAT MUCH IN A DAY! ONCE I'VE WON, I'LL TAKE OVER THE THREE REMAINING FINANCIAL EMPIRES ON EARTH! I'LL CONTROL THE WHOLE PLANET! THE WORLD WILL BE MINE! DO YOU HEAR--?? MINE! MINE!
NO! NOTHING MUST HAPPEN TO THE FANTASTIC FOUR! THEY'RE TOO GOOD! THEY'VE DONE TOO MUCH FOR THE WORLD! NO ONE MUST DESTROY THEM--NOT EVEN MY FATHER!
BUT WHY DO I CALL HIM THAT? HE'S MY FATHER IN NAME ONLY! HE DOESN'T CARE FOR ME--OR FOR MOTHER! ALL HE WANTS IS POWER! HE'LL NEVER HAVE ENOUGH TO SATISFY HIM!
THOMAS! I DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE THERE!
WAIT! I WANT TO TALK TO YOU! WAIT, I SAID!
TOM!
BLAST IT! WHERE IS THE BOY GOING?? HOW MUCH DID HE OVERHEAR??
GREGORY! WHAT IS IT? WHAT IS HAPPENING? WHY DID TOM RUN AWAY LIKE THAT??
I'VE NO TIME FOR YOUR ETERNAL QUESTIONS NOW! WE'LL DISCUSS IT LATER!
BUT, IT'S ALWAYS "LATER"! WHY HAVE WE BECOME SUCH STRANGERS TO EACH OTHER? WHAT HAPPENED TO THE GREGORY GIDEON I LOVED--THE MAN I MARRIED?
WILL YOU STOP THAT INCESSANT PRATTLING?? CAN'T YOU SEE I HAVE A MORE PRESSING PROBLEM TO ATTEND TO??
GIDEON--IS IT OUR SON?? HAVE YOU--HAVE YOU PLACED HIM IN ANY DANGER?
AND SO, THE HUMAN PAWNS IN DESTINY'S CHESS GAME OF LIFE RUSH CLOSER TO THE FATEFUL ENDING OF THE GAME!
IT'S LUCKY I WAS THE FIRST TO RECOVER FROM THE EXPLOSION! I'VE GOT TO RUSH SUE TO HEADQUARTERS! WHATEVER HAPPENS NEXT, THE ODDS WILL BE IN MY FAVOR THERE!
C'MON, JUNIOR--WAKE UP! THAT BLASTED SKRULL IS RUNNIN' OFF WITH SUE!
DON'T WORRY--WE'LL CATCH UP WITH 'EM! ANYWAY, HE'S IN FOR A SURPRISE! SUE IS UNDER THE PUPPET MASTER'S CONTROL NOW!
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REED, TELL ME--WHY ARE JOHNNY AND BEN FIGHTING US?? WHAT HAVE WE DONE?
NOTHING, DARLING! THERE'S MORE TO THIS THAN MEETS THE EYE! SOME MASTER PLANNER HAS SPENT A FORTUNE TO CONVINCE THEM THAT I'M A SKRULL, AND YOU ARE TAKING ORDERS FROM THE PUPPET MASTER!
OKAY, BEN! MOVE BACK WHILE I FLAME ON AND-- OHHHH--THAT EXPLOSION WEAKENED ME MORE THAN I THOUGHT! I-I CAN HARDLY EVEN STAND!
THIS IS A HECKUVA TIME FOR YOU TO BUG OUT! AT THE SPEED THEY'RE GOIN', I SURE AS BLAZES CAN'T CATCH 'EM!
C'MON, KID! WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL! A FRESHMAN CUB SCOUT COULD START A FIRE FASTER WITH A COUPLE OF TWIGS!
I-I'M TRYING, BEN--HONEST! I-I DON'T WANNA FAIL YOU! BUT--EVERYTHING'S SPINNING AROUND--GETTIN' DIZZY--
HEY--TORCHY! AW, FOR GOSH SAKE! I OUGHTTA HAVE MY FAT HEAD EXAMINED FOR MAKIN' THE KID STRAIN HIMSELF THAT WAY!
I DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE SO BUSHED, LITTLE PARTNER! DON'T WORRY, OL' BENJAMIN WILL CARRY THE BALL FROM NOW ON! YOU JUST TAKE IT EASY, PAL!
BUT, NONE OF THE VALIANT QUARTET HAVE REASON TO SUSPECT THAT GIDEON'S MOST DANGEROUS TRAP IS WAITING FOR THEM RIGHT AT THEIR OWN HEADQUARTERS!
THAT DOES IT, BERNIE! NOW LAY THE CAMOFLAUGE CARPET OVER IT!
AGENT R CALLING MR. G! PLAN IS TWO MINUTES AWAY FROM FRUITION! WE'RE GIVING IT ONE FINAL CHECK! OVER AND OUT!
EVERYTHING IS IN PERFECT WORKING ORDER! IT SHOULD BE! THIS ELECTRONIC TIME DISPLACER, MODELLED AFTER THE ONE WHICH DR. DOOM WAS REPORTED TO HAVE INVENTED, COST MR. GIDEON OVER THIRTY MILLION DOLLARS!
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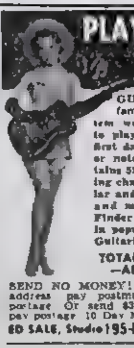

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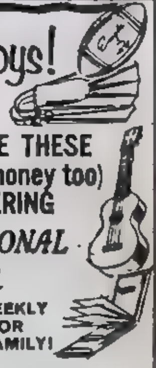

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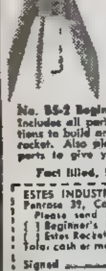

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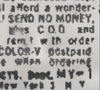

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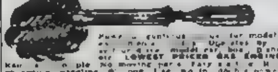

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HURRY, REED! HERE COME BEN AND JOHNNY!
LOOKS LIKE MY FLAME CAME BACK JUST IN TIME, BEN! THERE THEY ARE NOW!
THE THING! MAYBE YOU'LL BELIEVE ME! YOU'VE GOT TO STOP THEM!
THAT'S JUST WHAT WE'RE TRYIN' TO DO, KID!
MY FLAME HASN'T REACHED FULL POWER YET! HE'S STILL ABLE TO DODGE ME!
JUST A LITTLE FURTHER AND WE'LL BE SAFE!
NO! NO! DON'T YOU GO UP THERE TOO! IT'S A TRAP! THEY MUSTN'T CATCH YOU ALL!
LOOK, KID, WRITE ME A LETTER, HUH? I GOT THINGS TO DO NOW!
WHY WON'T YOU LISTEN?? WHY WON'T ANYONE BELIEVE??
SAY, SLOW DOWN, SONNY! YOU'LL FALL AND HURT YOURSELF!
KIDS! ALWAYS RUSHING NOWHERE!
MAYBE I CAN HEAD THEM OFF BY TAKING THE ELEVATOR!
DAD OWNS THE BUILDING! THEY'LL LET ME UP IF THEY RECOGNIZE ME!
AND, UPSTAIRS...
SOMEONE'S COMING! GET READY!
I'VE BEEN READY FOR HOURS! ALL I NEED DO IS THROW THIS SWITCH-- AND PFFFTT!
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THERE'S THE SIGNAL! SOMEONE'S ON THE ELECTRONIC FLOORING! NOW!
WHICHEVER ONE OF THEM IT IS, HE'LL NEVER BE SEEN AGAIN! HERE GOES--!
AND, AS SOON AS YOUNG THOMAS GIDEON STEPS OUT OF THE ELEVATOR...
WHAT'S HAPPENING TO ME??
HELP!
BUT, BEFORE THE BOY CAN COMPLETELY FADE AWAY, A MIGHTY FIGURE CRASHES THRU THE OUTER WALL AND GRABS HIM.
DID I HEAR SOMEONE YELL HELP??
HANG ON, SONNY BOY! THAT'S MY MIDDLE NAME!
OH, NO! I SHOULDN'T HAVE YELLED! YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE TRIED TO HELP ME! NOW, YOU'LL BE SENT INTO THE PAST, ALSO!
HUH? HEY! WHAT IN BLUE BLAZES IS GOIN' ON HERE??!
HOWEVER, JUST AS THE TWO STARTLED VICTIMS FADE FROM SIGHT, TWO POWERFUL, PLIABLE ARMS LASH OUT IN THE CONTROL ROOM...
I DON'T KNOW WHAT THEY'RE UP TO, BUT IT CAN'T BE ANYTHING GOOD!
TAKE YOUR HANDS OFF THAT MACHINE!
IT'S MR. FANTASTIC! BUT, IF HE'S HERE, THEN WHO--???
WE BETTER NOT TAKE ANY CHANCES! IF GIDEON'S TRAP FAILS, HE'LL SEE TO IT THAT WE NEVER GET A JOB ANYWHERE AGAIN!
IT'S SOME SORT OF TIME DISPLACER! I'VE GOT TO SHUT IT OFF! BUT, WHAT DOES IT MEAN?? AND HOW DID THEY GET IN HERE, PAST MY ALARM DEVICES??
THERE'S JUST TIME TO THROW MY INVISIBLE FORCE FIELD BETWEEN REED AND THAT GUN!
BYANNG!
CRACK!

HOLD IT, NEIGHBOR! YOU'RE NOT SHOOTIN' THAT GUY TILL I GET HIM TO TELL WHERE THE REAL REED RICHARDS IS!
THE REAL REED RICHARDS??!!
NOW TAKE OFF, ALL OF YOU! THE F.F. HEADQUARTERS ISN'T A SIGHT-SEEING GALLERY! I SAID MOVE!
BOY, IT FEELS GREAT TO HAVE MY FLAME BACK AT FULL STRENGTH AGAIN! I FEEL AS THOUGH I CAN DO ANYTHING!
BUT AS THE STAMPEDING HIRELINGS RACE INTO THE ELEVATOR...
OUT OF MY WAY, YOU CRINGING, CRAVEN COWARDS! I'LL SETTLE WITH YOU LATER!
YOU'VE TAKEN MY SON FROM ME! I SAW IT ALL ON THE TV TRANSCEIVER! MY SON IS GONE!
RICHARDS! I'M GREGORY GIDEON! I'LL PAY YOU ANYTHING TO GET MY SON BACK! THERE MUST BE A WAY! YOU MUST FIND A WAY!
GIDEON! THE COLD-HEARTED BILLIONAIRE FINANCIER! YOU MUST BE THE ONE BEHIND ALL THIS! ONLY YOU COULD AFFORD IT!
I MUST HAVE BEEN MAD! I REALIZE NOW THAT THE PRIZE DOESN'T MATTER! NOTHING MATTERS IF I'VE LOST MY BOY!
YOU TRIED TO TRAP US IN THAT TIME MACHINE-- BUT YOUR SON STUMBLED INTO IT INSTEAD! NOW I SEE HOW YOUR MEN GOT IN HERE. YOU CONTROL THE ELECTRIC COMPANY! ONLY YOU COULD HAVE ORDERED THE CURRENT TURNED OFF LONG ENOUGH TO BYPASS MY ALARMS!
THEN SUDDENLY, UNEXPECTEDLY...
YA CAN STOP BLUBBERIN' NOW, MONEYBAGS! ON ACCOUNTA REED TURNIN' OFF THE POWER WHEN HE DID WE WERE TOSSED BACK TO THE PRESENT BY THE MACHINE'S ACCIDENTAL RECOIL!
YES GREGORY --HE'S SAFE! NO THANKS TO YOU!
YOUR WIFE TOLD US THE WHOLE STORY, GIDEON! THAT WAS A MIGHTY UNFRIENDLY LITTLE TRAP YOU SET FOR US, MISTER.
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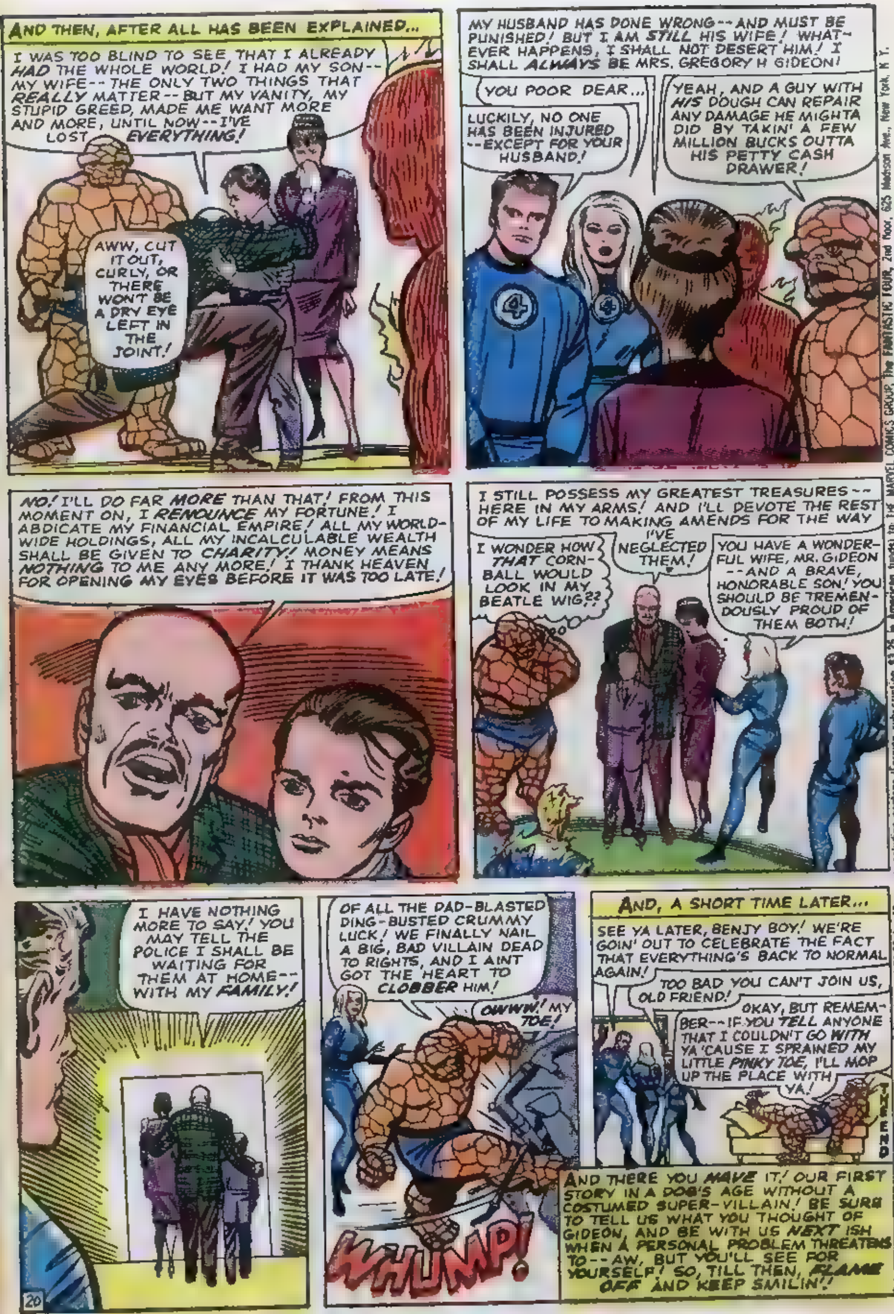

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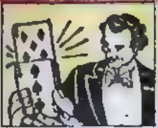

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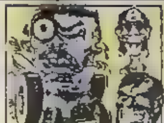

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Dear Stan and Jack,
This letter I am writing has two purposes. First of all I'd like to praise your fantastic magazines. They are a real "wow" in Malaysia and sell like hot cakes. I am very amused by some of your really incredible stories. The details about scientific things are most delightful. If you go on writing such hot stuff, all of us will be poorer by a lot of Malayan money each month! But surely I am not going to give you "kisses" only—here's my "hiss": Why is the Thing so brutal? Sometimes he is ever so ill-mannered. But since he is the Thing, I suppose it must be his nature. Could your magazine be an ambassador of friendship? You see, I have been trying to get a U.S. pen pal for ages. I've written to about ten of them but not a single one replied! I am most desperate now and I really hope you can help me out. I want to let Americans know a good deal about Malaysia and Southeast Asia. I am very proud of my country as much as you are proud of being U.S. citizens. I'm fifteen years old and speak English, Mandarin, Malay and Japanese. My hobbies are reading, history, swimming, bowling and psychology. Once again, I thank you very much and I wish your magazines even greater success!
Miss Achiko Heng, Lot 7, Rd. 8/3-I
Petaling Jaya, Selangor, Malaysia

Achiko dear, we don't print pen pal notices due to lack of space, but we're making an exception in your case. (We're afraid the Peace Corps might boycott us if we don't!) Imagine, you speak all those languages, and poor ol' Stan still has trouble wrestling with English!

Dear Stan and Jack,
Your comics are a MARVELous group of magazines. Your FANTASTIC plots and DAREDEVIL heroes make for X-traordinary entertainment. Your stories are as skillfully spun as a SPIDER's web and rate THUNDERous applause. It is a perfect ending when the IRON hand of the law leads the super villains off to jail while they vow to AVENGE themselves. And to CAP it all off, you can get this GIANT sized enjoyment for the small price of only 12¢ a book. Sorry I couldn't work the HULK in somewhere!
Michelle Reynolds, 205 Camelia Way
Modesto, Calif

And we're FURY-ous with you for leaving out the Howlers, too!

Dear Stan and Jack,
My main complaint against your magazine was expressed beautifully by the lovable Thing in the spectacular SPIDER-MAN ANNUAL. He said, "This town's crawlin' with super-heroes!" Pretty soon you'll need a program to tell one from the other! You'd think New York was the only city in these United States. So many super-heroes in one city produce many mysterious thoughts, such as, why does only one of the many super-heroes appear to fight a particular menace in a particular story? My last inquiry is how do you guys do it? Every month you publish such great books as FF, SPIDER-MAN, DAREDEVIL, and the AVENGERS, and still have enough left to bring out such great annuals!
Joseph Key, 5220 Ascot Ave.
Los Angeles 11, Calif.

Enough *what* left, Joey?? Anyway, the reason most of our long underwear pals are in Baghdad-on-the-Hudson is it makes it easier for us to keep them together and to have them meet on occasion. As for only one of them appearing per story, it's because the others are busy fighting someone in their own mags!

Dear Stan and Jack,
In reference to a fan's letter in FF #29, I too have had several professors tell me that reading comics was a waste of both time and money. Their main complaint was that I should use the time reading "good books" instead. Here at college there is little free time to read, yet I have managed to read such "immature" books as "War and Peace," "Doctor Zhivago," "The Republic" by Plato, "Les Miserables" and "To Kill a Mockingbird." To me, reading is like the saying, "all work and no play." For excitement, entertainment, and just plain enjoyment Marvel Comics just can't be beat. They combine excellent stories with great art. What more can anyone want? When one of my teachers asks about my reading comics, I ask them if they have read one lately. The answer is "No" everytime. If they would just read one of yours, I am sure they would not be against comics so much. So I will always continue my present reading habits—the classics for education and Marvel magazines for relaxation and enjoyment.
Derrill Rothermich, Missouri School of Mines
606 W. 11th St., Rolla, Mo.

And, just wait'll you start reading Marvel for education—then you'll really be hooked, Derry! By the way, you'd be surprised at how many professors are on our subscription list! (And they can't all be getting the mags just to give to their students!)

Dear Stan and Jack,
I think that Diablo is one of the best villains you have ever thought of. He is different from other villains because he has no real super-powers, just the ability to make potions. I think that, as he is enclosed in an air-pocket, he should make a potion to free himself. I think your readers would be very happy if he did this.
Frank Bowers, 33 Washington St.
Harrison, N. J.

Maybe so, Frankie boy, but how would the frolicksome F.F. feel about it? Anyway, you know that most of our swingin' villains are like rubber balls—they always bounce back somehow!

Dear Stan and Jack,
Bravo! I am talking, of course, about your FF magazine. Only one company can boast "The World's Greatest Comic Magazine" and that is you. How do you do it? Every issue tops the one before it. The art gets better, the stories get better, even the inking and lettering get better. There's only one thing that I don't like about your comics—that is the covers! They are drawn neatly but they are too darn crowded. The name "Fantastic Four" takes up about one-quarter of the cover. Then you have to add something like "this ish the FF meet the Sub-Mariner" or "guest stars [illegible]" and this takes up one-half to three-quarters of the view of the picture. (Of course you have to have a picture!) You usually have a picture of each member of the FF fighting the villain in that issue. After all of this is rammed together, boy, what a mixed up affair it becomes. So let's try to keep the covers a little more [illegible], ok? In closing I want to thank you and your staff for all the great comics you have put out in this marvelous Marvel Age of Comics!
Tom Valentine, [illegible]
Cumberland, Md.

You're welcome, Tommy, you're welcome! And if you think our nutty covers have been crowded before, wait'll you see the ones where the F.F. fight the Avengers, with the X-Men taking sides, while Sgt. Fury's squad helps out! (*No*, we didn't produce it yet—but one of these days—!)

Dear Stan and Jack,
I couldn't possibly comment on nine mags plus two annuals and not go broke from the postage or insane from looking at my typewriter, so I'll just comment on the FF right now! It's too bad that Dr. Doom is still the FF's main villain since Diablo would make a terrific one. His many potions make him a villain of a type you rarely see but I trust we will see more of. I really like these mad villains

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bent on world conquest and I'm waiting for a couple of these to clash someday while the Marvel heroes look on at the carnage. Maybe a future annual could have the FF falling back before the onslaught of Diablo while the Avengers are being beaten by Dr. Zemo. Suddenly the [illegible] with each other, and they fall upon each other, letting the heroes pick up the pieces. An idea maybe?

Steve Perrin, P.O. Box 357
Summit City, Calif.

An idea?? It's practically the whole ding-dong story! A few more letters like this and we can send Stan away for a vacation—that is, if we could ever break the shackles holding him to his typewriter!

Dear Stan and Jack,

I [illegible] and somehow picked up a copy of the FF and was really intrigued by the Watcher. I feel a little foolish as I am twenty-one and work as a draftsman here in Hawaii. I have followed the Watcher all the way through so far and am really fascinated by him. If you have written any short stories or books about him I would really appreciate your letting me know. Thank you.

Brif Barnett, 432 Nancahona St.
Waikiki, Honolulu, Hawaii

We did, B.B., (SUSPENSE #'s 49 thru 58), but we don't any more. He's been replaced by Captain America. However, we suspect he'll pop up in various mags from time to time when you least expect it. And don't feel foolish about being 21 and liking the Watcher. We're over 21 and flip for blue-eyed Benjamin!

MEMO FROM THE M.M.M.S.
("Merry Marvel Marching Society" to you!)
Things are going great guns with our new *Marvel Club!* We have all sorts of special surprises and off-beat treats planned! But we want to wait till next ish before our official membership application coupon appears. (This will give us time to make sure that all the comments and ideas we asked you for have been received and read.) But, we *can* tell you this much: membership will be one dollar! (Making it possibly the most expensive club of its type!) So start saving your loose change now! But, for gosh sakes, we don't want your buck unless you can easily afford it. If you're strapped for cash, forget it! You can join a month later, or a year later! You won't miss anything important! There'll be no secret code messages which only Marvel Marchers can understand, or any other juvenile jazz like that! But for those of you who do join we guarantee a million laughs and a barrel of fun!
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'N[illegible]

Dear Stan and Jack,

In the past months I have been a good customer of yours. I think you are doing a good job. My dad is 37 and enjoys your magazine also. I think that the FF is the best thing that has hit the printing press! Now make up [illegible] or four? Why doesn't Giant Man give Mr. Fantastic the secret to his pills? If Mr. Fantastic gave an enlarging pill to Ben—Wow! Keep up the good work!

Stephen Watson, 111Norris Ave.
McCook, Nebr.

Tell your dad we salute his good taste and literary acumen, Steve! As for your questions, bashful Benjamin has four little fingers and toesies while ol' green skin has five. (Or *should* have five—or *did* have five—or something!)

Dear Stan and Jack,

When your Special Announcements Section first appeared it endeared itself to my heart. Back then it contained real special announcements—new heroes and ideas still in the planning stage, possible changes in existing strips, forthcoming surprises and previews of the coming issues. Since then however you have changed it into a cheap advertisement section where you plug your current super-hero books. Look fellas, what interest is it to me to learn that Giant-Man is fighting the Flying Frog when I've got the latest issue of TALES TO ASTONISH lying right next to me with all your other mags? Now you've even started to plug your westerns. If this trend continues you'll soon be wasting space that could be used for interesting letters telling us what the latest issue of MILLIE THE MODEL is all about. C'mon, give us back the old Special Announcements section!

George R. R. Martin, 35 E. First St.
Bayonne 2, N. J.

Since you mention it, Georgie, MILLIE THE MODEL has a whiz-doozy of a yarn this month! But now we won't tell you what it is—*nyahh!* Anyhow, what's the verdict, Marvelites? Do we drop the "On Sale This Month" section? Or do we make ol' George tell us what the R.R. stands for if he wants us to remain friends?

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS SECTION:

—We're very interested in receiving your comments on this issue, Marvelmen! It's one of the few times the FF didn't fight a super-powered costumed villain, and we're interested in whether you'd like more of the same from time to time, or not. And knowing how all you frantic fans like to sound off, we're expecting a real barrage of pro and con opinions!

—By the way, did you know that a number of organizations have voted sensational Sue Storm the most gorgeous gal in comics? We're real proud of our blue-eyed beauty—although we've heard that Spider-Man's Aunt May is green with jealousy!

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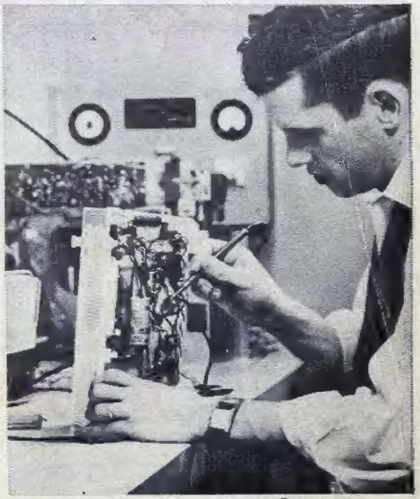

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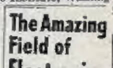

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